

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

*Please amend Claims 1, 24, and 30 as follows:*

C<sub>1</sub> 1. (Twice amended) A multilayer, biaxially oriented polypropylene film comprising a base layer and at least one heat-sealable top layer, wherein said base layer comprises (i) an isotactic propylene polymer and (ii) a combination of a hydrocarbon resin and a wax, said resin having a mean molecular weight MW of from 600 to 1500 and said wax having a mean molecular weight Mn of from 200 to 700.

C<sub>2</sub> 24. (Once amended) A process for the production of oriented polypropylene films having an improved water vapor barrier action, which comprises compressing an isotactic polymer or an isotactic polymer mixture, said polymer or polymer mixture containing a resin having a mean molecular weight Mw of from 600 to 1500 and a wax having a mean molecular weight Mn of from 200 to 700.

C<sub>3</sub> 30. (Once amended) A multilayer, biaxially oriented polypropylene film comprising a base layer and at least one heat-sealable top layer, wherein said base layer comprises (i) an isotactic propylene polymer and (ii) a combination of a resin and a wax, wherein said resin being a hydrocarbon resin, fully or partially hydrogenated, having a softening point of 80°C or above and having a mean molecular weight Mw of from 600 to 1500; and said wax being selected from the group consisting of polyethylene waxes, macrocrystalline paraffin waxes, microcrystalline paraffins and mixtures thereof and having a mean molecular weight Mn of from 200 to 700.